

# Hand Me Down My Walkin' Cane

Intro:

F - C A - D7 G - C - C

The Boswell Sisters  
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The musical score is arranged for three vocal parts: Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano, and Alto. It begins with an instrumental introduction. The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The second system contains the next two lines, starting at measure 5. The third system contains the final line, starting at measure 7. Chords are indicated above the vocal lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**System 1:**

Soprano: down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me down - my walk-in' cane.

Mezzo-Soprano: Hand me down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me down - my walk-in' cane.

Alto: down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me down - my walk-in' cane.

**System 2 (Measures 5-6):**

S: Hand me down my walk - in' cane, gon - na leave on the mid - night train 'cause

Mez.: Hand me down my walk - in' cane, gon - na leave on the mid - night train 'cause

A: Hand me down my walk - in' cane, gon - na leave on the mid - night train 'cause

**System 3 (Measures 7-8):**

S: all my sins are tak - en a way. (nose trumpet) \_\_\_\_\_

Mez.: all my sins are tak - en a way.

A: all my sins are tak - en a way.

**Chords:** C, C, G7, C, F, C, C, D7, G7, C, C.

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11 D G C F C C

S

Mez.

A

15 D G7 C C

S

Mez.

A

ba da ba da ba da ba da wah! Wish I'd list - ened to

18 C G C

S

Mez.

A

what my ma-ma said I wish I'd list - ened to what my ma-ma said.

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3  
21

F

C

C

S  
If I'd list-ened what ma - ma said, I'd a been sleeping on a fea - ther bed 'cause

Mez.  
If I'd list-ened what ma - ma said, I'd a been sleeping on a fea - ther bed 'cause

A  
If I'd list-ened what ma - ma said, I'd a been sleeping on a fea - ther bed 'cause

23

D7

F7

C

F

C

G

C

G

S  
all my sins are tak-en a way, my sins are tak-en, tak-en a-way. My sins are tak-en,

Mez.  
all my sins are tak-en a - way, my sins are tak-en, tak-en a-way. My sins are tak-en,

A  
all my sins are tak-en a - way, my sins are tak-en, tak-en a-way. My sins are tak-en,

27

C

G

C

S  
tak-en a-way. Aunt Mad-dy told me

Mez.  
tak-en a-way. Aunt Mad-dy told me

A  
tak-en a-way. Mmm My aunt Mad-dy, she told me no - ot to go. Aunt Mad-dy told me

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S  
not to go. Aunt Mad-dy told me

Mez.  
not to go. Aunt Mad-dy told me

A  
not to go. My aunt Mad-dy, she told me no-o-ot to go. Aunt Mad-dy told me

B $\flat$ 7 F

35

S  
not to go. wa da la dum wa ah. Wa da la dum wa ah

Mez.  
not to go. wa da la dum wa ah. Wa da la dum wa ah.

A  
not to go. wa da la dum wa ah. Wa da la dum wa ah.

C7 3 C7 3

38

S  
Now she's list'-nin' on the mm ra - di - o. Down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me

Mez.  
Now she's list'-nin' on the mm ra - di - o. Down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me

A  
Now she's list'-nin' on the mm ra - di - o. Down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me

F G7 C

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42 G C F C

S down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me down my walk - in' cane,

Mez. down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me down my walk - in' cane,

A down - my walk-in' cane. Hand me down my walk - in' cane,

45 C D7 G7 C C

S gon - na leave on the mid-night train 'cause all my sins are tak-en a - way. Wah - ah

Mez. gon - na leave on the mid-night train 'cause all my sins are tak-en a - way. Wah - ah

A gon - na leave on the mid-night train 'cause all my sins are tak-en a - way. Wah - ah

49 C G C F C

S oh, Wa - ah, ah oh. wa da loo da la da loo da la da lum bum,

Mez. oh, Wa - ah, ah oh. wa da loo da la da loo da la da lum bum,

A oh, Wa - ah, ah oh. wa da loo da la da loo da la da lum bum,

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53 C D7 G7

S wa da loo da la da loo da la da lum bum, all my sins are tak - en,

Mez. wa da loo da la da loo da la da lum bum, all my sins are tak - en,

A wa da loo da la da loo da la da lum bum, all my sins are tak - en,

55 C D7 G7

S Wa da ba da ba da ba da ba da Ba da ba da ba da ba da. All my sins are ta - a - ken

Mez. Wa da ba da ba da ba da ba da Ba da ba da ba da ba da All my sins are ta - a - ken

A Wa da ba da ba da ba da ba da Ba da ba da ba da ba da. All my sins are ta - a - ken

58 C

S a - - - - way.

Mez. a - - - - way.

A a - - - - way.